

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD

RESOLUTION 11-280

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING A-3285, WHICH MANDATES
COST ESTIMATES IN BID ADVERTISEMENTS**

WHEREAS, A-3285 would require that certain public contract bid advertisements include certified cost estimates or estimate ranges of projected contract cost and amends the grounds for rejection of bids; and

WHEREAS, A-3285 would limit the competitive process that is the foundation of the Local Public Contracts Law and would not best serve the public interest; and

WHEREAS, A-3285 would require the contracting unit include in the public advertisement the cost estimates or cost estimate ranges for construction projects in excess of \$500,000 and amends the six reasons to reject all bids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Township of Upper Deerfield supports the State’s effort to advocate openness and dissemination of information, but such efforts should not limit the competitive process that is the foundation of the Local Public Contracts Law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Township of Upper Deerfield strongly opposes A-3285 as an unnecessary and unwarranted intrusion on the competitive bid process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that A-3285 would require cost estimates to be determined as the mid price point of current industry costs which would lead to increased bid pricing which will increase the cost of the project for the taxpayer and A-3285 would also expose municipalities to protracted disputes and litigation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, Senator Sweeney, Senator Van Drew, Assemblyman Burzichelli, Assemblywoman Riley, Assemblyman Albano, Assemblyman Milam, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and the primary sponsor of the legislation Assemblyman Wisniewski.

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VOTING

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<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, at a meeting thereof held December 1, 2011.

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